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Weather forecast for Fredericksburg and vicinity. Fair Saturday, fresh North-east winds.

A recent letter in The Free Lance from Caroline county contained the statement that at the sale, by a commissioner of the court, of the estate of the late R. H. W. Buckner, near Rappahannock Academy, the home tract (containing, no doubt, the family mansion) brought \$1.50 per acre; that 58 acres of the same tract brought \$1 per acre, and that 83 acres were "knocked out" at 80 cents per acre. Such knock-outs as this are knock-down arguments against the present methods of agriculture in that section of the State. The estate of Mr. Buckner was, at one time, (before the civil war) accounted one of the best in Caroline county, and Caroline county was noted for its fine estates. This estate is close to the Rappahannock river, and, therefore, convenient, by steamboat navigation, to the markets of Fredericksburg, Baltimore and Norfolk. The soil is naturally productive, and where exhausted, by improvident husbandry, takes kindly to intelligent methods of reclamation. What then is the explanation of these astounding prices at which the lands were sold at public auction? There is something wrong somewhere. Why, these prices are actually lower than the figures at which government lands are sold to settlers in the far-off Territories beyond the Rocky Mountains. Think of it! Here within eight miles of the home of "John Taylor, of Caroline," the author of "Arator" (the farmer), one of the most notable estates in the county, sells for an average of but little over one dollar an acre. This land is not more than eighty miles from Jamestown, the first settlement of the English race upon American soil. It is within six miles of Port Conway, where President Madison was born. It is within twenty-five miles of the birth-places of George Washington, James Monroe, Light Horse Harry Lee and Richard Henry Lee. It is, to speak, within sight of the first landing of the English settlement in America. It is, as it were, the cradle in which the infant liberties of the Republic were rocked. And this is the locality where the lands have retrograded to the prices at which lands are taken up, under government patents, thousands of miles away towards the Pacific Ocean. How is this? There must be something wrong, there surely must be, in the methods of husbandry in a region so favorably situated as this, and so closely associated with the very fountains of civilization and culture, and the establishment of civil and religious liberty upon the American continent.

Honorable Greely said in a speech in Lynchburg (on a bale-box in front of the Arlington Hotel), in 1888, that if "Old Virginia shall ever go down, let it be written on her tomb-stone, 'died of too much politics.'" Can it be that this is the malady with the people near Rappahannock Academy, in Caroline? Nay, may it not be a malady with most of our Virginia people? Are they not devoting more thought at this very time to politics than to agriculture? Is it not the Martin-Tyler contest more in their minds than the study of improved methods of husbandry? The true philanthropist would be another John Taylor to inoculate the principles of efficient farming, and not the long-langued orator of the court-green to inflame the minds of the people upon the rapid and evanescent topics of current politics.

The Free Lance, on behalf of itself and of the citizens of Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania, has to thank the Richmond Times for its long and interesting editorial advertisement the establishment of the Battleground Park, covering the scenes of the memorable conflicts of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, the Wilderness, and Spotsylvania Court House. The Times very justly remarks that there does not exist in this case the same objection which was felt by many Southern people to apply to the establishment of a park at Appomattox, since the latter locality does not represent any battle, or any conflict of arms that illustrated the heroism of the soldiers on either side, but only the sur-

render of the wasted remnant of the Army of Northern Virginia, and the downfall of the Confederacy. No Confederate veteran would desire to see the theatre of that melancholy drama, made the Mecca at which his more fortunate opponents in the unhappy strife should come to indulge a perhaps pardonable feeling of pride and exultation. Confederate veterans not only do not repine at the result of the war, but have come to recognize the hand of a beneficent Providence in preventing the dismemberment of the Republic. But they nevertheless would not relish the idea of commemorating by a National Park the occasion when the worn and shattered battalions that had followed the star of Lee were in the language of the farewell address of that great leader, "compelled to yield to overwhelming numbers and resources."

No such objection can apply to the proposal to commemorate the battle of Fredericksburg and the three other memorable conflicts that were comprehended within an area less than ten miles square—smaller than the District of Columbia. Two of these may perhaps be characterized as drawn battles, namely the Wilderness and Spotsylvania Court House, while the other two were Confederate successes. But in all of them the soldiers on both sides displayed the utmost valor and heroism, and there is nothing in the scene of anyone of these illustrious fields to excite in the breast of the American soldier, or American citizen, North or South, any feeling but one of pride and patriotic exultation.

The Creelman-Bryan interview, published elsewhere, is interesting reading. Mr. Bryan, it will be seen, sticks to 16 to 1 free silver ratio, and in so doing voluntarily makes more difficult his chances of success next year.

Bob Ingersoll, it seems, only leaves an estate of \$10,000.

THE DREYFUS CASE.

Dreyfus Says He Did Not Confess.

Reunne, France, Aug. 24.—The chief incidents were M. Labori's searching cross-examination of General Mercier and a recital by Dreyfus of the full story of his alleged confession to Capt. Lebrun-Renaud.

In his statement to the court-martial Captain Dreyfus says:

"I am surprised that Captain Lebrun-Renaud could have made the statement attributed to him. On the way from the prison of La Santé, Lebrun-Renaud shook hands with me, a fact which is in contradiction of part of his statement. Besides, when such a terrible charge has been hanging over a man who has resisted it for five years, witnesses should not come here merely to speak their beliefs, but ought to bring proofs, positive proofs. Otherwise I am completely nonplussed as to how I can reply."

"I will state," continued Dreyfus, "the exact terms of the so-called confession of mine. The day Lebrun-Renaud and I were together in the prison I said to him, 'I am innocent. I will declare it in the face of the whole people.' This is the cry of my conscience. You know that cry. I repeated it all though the torture of my degradation."

"Afterward I added, referring to the visit of Du Paty de Clam, 'The Minister is well aware that I am innocent.'"

"What I meant to intimate was that I had apprised the Minister, in response to the steps Du Paty de Clam had taken against me, that I was innocent."

"Du Paty de Clam visited me and asked for information. I replied to him, 'I am innocent; absolutely innocent.'"

"I replied verbally to Du Paty de Clam and in writing to the Minister that I was perfectly innocent. That was what I meant by the words: 'The Minister is well aware that I am innocent.'"

"I reverted to the visit of Du Paty de Clam, and said to Captain Lebrun-Renaud: 'Du Paty de Clam asked me if I had not given documents of no importance in order to obtain others in exchange. I replied that not only was I absolutely innocent, but that I desired the whole matter to be cleared up.'"

Foreign Affairs.
Paris police and soldiers continue the siege of Jules Guerin's stronghold. Lord Salisbury conferred Thursday with Queen Victoria, and it is believed that the Transvaal crisis was under consideration.

Emperor William, it is definitely stated in Berlin, has refused the resignation of the Prussian Cabinet.

Trunks containing the correspondence of General Jimenez have been captured by the Haitian authorities.

Thirty cases of typhoid fever developed at Ponce, Porto Rico, Thursday, as a result of the recent flood carrying filth into that city.

ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX.

A Gallery of Sons of Essex.

A POLITICAL BROIL.

LEGISLATIVE CONVENTION.

What Chairman McD. Lee Says of the Lancaster County Meeting.

PERSONALS, ETC.

(By our Special Correspondent.)

On last Sunday before the good people of Fredericksburg had turned over for their early morning second sleep, The Free Lance representative wended his way to the R. F. & P. R. R. depot here to catch the train for Milford, en route to Tappahannock to attend the Essex county court, which was to meet on Monday.

At Milford Mr. Julian A. Collins had ready a pair of strong horses with a comfortable vehicle and sleek-looking driver, as black as the ace of spades, who was equal to any information we asked for as to people and places along the route.

It was a hot and dusty ride, and it seemed the sun shone with increased power as a rebuke to our Sunday business trip, instead of being at our proper place at the Sunday School and answering to the roll when our name was called. It was 3 o'clock when we drove into the village of Tappahannock and then we met with a cordial welcome at the Virginia Hotel from its polite and attentive proprietor, Mr. Geo. R. Scott.

The evening was spent meeting friends and at an early hour we retired to be prepared for the work of the next day. Before breakfast Monday morning we visited the court house building. On its threshold we paused and wondered if this was the sombre looking interior we had known at our last visit. The hand of some progressive man or men had been at work. Before us was a bright cheery room. Its walls and woodwork glistened as the rising sun shone upon them through the windows while more than two score of handsome portraits of men whose memories are dear to the people of Essex were looking down on us suspended from the walls. This gallery of portraits would do credit to a city and is the largest in any court house in the State of Virginia.

It embraces men who were prominent in the county of Essex before and since the war of '61-'65. The collection of this gallery is due to the energy of that spirited and indefatigable citizen, Judge T. R. B. Wright, assisted by the members of the bar and citizens of Essex. When the question of beautifying the court house and its grounds was suggested, Judge Wright met with serious obstacles. It was said that the county could not afford to spend money for such purposes. The work has not cost the taxpayers a cent. The court house was painted from the proceeds of ground rents on several buildings, which were in arrears, and applied to this purpose. The yard adjoining the court house was without shade, and trees were planted by Judge Wright at his own expense and by his own hands, and each portrait was contributed by some member of the family, who wished it to have a place in the gallery. The work is now all done, but not without much time and labor, and Essex may well be proud of its gallery, and Judge Wright, who is not only one of the best circuit judges in the State, but who has taken the time to interest the people of his circuit in their local history. In this gallery are Justice Edmund F. Noel, Hon. James Mercer Garnett, member of Congress; Judge H. W. Dargatzis, Judge William Brockbrough, of the Court of Appeals; Judge Spencer Roane, of Court of Appeals; Col. George Wright, Commonwealth's attorney; Justice H. W. Latane, Hon. Mascoe R. H. Garnett, member of Congress; J. P. Lee and John Lee, clerks of county court; Judge Selden Wright, of San Francisco, Cal.; Judge R. M. T. Hunter, U. S. Senator; Judge Thomas Croxton, James M. Matthews, report to Court of Appeals; Judge Rostace Conway, Judge John Critcher, member of Congress; Justice Richard Bayler, Justice Thomas Lewis, deputy clerk; W. D. Matthews, Judge John Taylor Lomax, Judge J. B. Christian, County Clerk James Roy Micon, Hon. Robert S. Garnett, member of Congress; H. Clay Tompkins, Attorney General State of Alabama; Justice Larkin Handley, Lewis H. Garnett, Commonwealth's attorney; A. W. Broadbent, county treasurer; Capt. W. A. Wright, brother of Judge T. R. B. Wright, who was killed at Gettysburg; Major Burke, O. S. A.; Capt. B. G. Hale, O. S. A.; Capt. Austin Brockbrough, brother of Mr. B. Brockbrough, killed at Gettysburg; Capt. Wm. Latane Brooke, O. S. A., and Justice of peace old county court; Gen. Robert S. Garnett, O. S. A., killed at Cheat Mountain; Capt. L. D. Roane, O. S. A., and commissioner of revenue; Justice Merriweather Lewis, Judge T. E. Blackey and Judge Mascoe Garnett, of the county court; Col. Richard Roan, J. P., Judge A. B. Evans, County Clerk Harrison Southworth, and Hon. Thomas Ritchie founder of the Richmond Enquirer. There is also a handsome tablet to the memory of W. B. Matthews, who was clerk of court from 1814 to 1830.

Since 1814 the county of Essex has had only three clerks—Mr. Matthews, who served from 1814 to 1830; Clerk James Roy Micon, succeeded him from 1830 to 1887, a period of 57 years, and the present Clerk Harrison Southworth, of Spotsylvania, was elected in 1887, and has held the office continuously from that time. We do not recall a parallel to this. Essex is not only rich in the men she has furnished to the country, but in her records dating back to 1656, when the county was Rappahannock and from which she became a separate county in 1692, all of which are intact save one year, which was lost. She has the oldest records of any county in the State except Northampton's, which dates back to 1640.

The idea of placing the portraits of

the sons of the counties in their court houses has not only been successfully inaugurated in Essex, but in many counties of the 1st District, and especially in Judge Wright's circuit. It is growing. In Howerton's Baptist Church, of which Rev. Frank B. Beale is pastor, there will be placed at an early day the portraits of Rev. H. W. Montague, father of Prof. A. P. Montague, of Furman University, at Greenville, S. C., and Rev. Isaac Diggs, father of Hon. Isaac Diggs, of Richmond. These sainted men were pastors of the church.

ESSEX POLITICS.

There has been a great upheaval in Democratic politics in Essex which commenced with the icy blasts of last winter and culminated at the primary election for a candidate for the House of Delegates last Saturday. This upheaval had its origin in the unfortunate personal difficulty between Capt. A. F. Bagby and Mr. George R. Scott, when Scott was shot by Bagby. As is well known, the difficulty between these two gentlemen was in no wise connected with politics, but it created a distinct line between the friends of each gentleman from the beginning to the ending of the trial, and caused harsh words and bitterness of feeling which will take the healing effects of time to eradicate. Men who had been friends for years took sides with one or the other participants, and these friendships were severed. The feeling became so intense that the secret orders were charged with taking a part in the trouble. Capt. Bagby was a prominent Mason, and Arlington Lodge, of which he was a member, was a subject of criticism, while the Junior Order of American Mechanics, of which Mr. George Scott was a member, had to bear its part in the trouble. The members of both orders protested against their lodges being brought into the contest, but without avail. Hon. Booker Garnett, who was the representative in the last Legislature, was a prominent Mason, and it was charged, was the candidate of Bagby's friends. He disclaimed that he was the candidate of any set men, but it did not avail, and on last Saturday at the primaries he was defeated by a vote of 185 to 155, and lost every precinct in the county.

The scenes at the primaries were of a very exciting character. The winners were flushed with victory and called a meeting to reorganize the county committee. Judge Blakey, who presided, claimed that it was not the time and place for a reorganization, and it could only be done by a two-thirds vote. This ruling created a greater determination to reorganize, and a vote was demanded, which obtained more than the required vote. The following committee was named:

Ocepania District—J. M. Terrell, W. A. Gresham, J. P. Talford.

Central District—Dr. Warner Lewis, J. C. Phillips, D. P. Motley.

Rappahannock District—H. L. Newbill, H. W. Dunn, James M. Lewis.

Messrs. J. P. Talford, Dr. Warner Lewis and Philip Motley are the new members. A majority of the committee are with the winning faction, and they will elect a chairman in accord with them.

The men who were the head and front of the Democratic party in the past have been or will be relegated to the rear, and be compelled to take a back seat for the present at least, unless something unforeseen happens to bring them forward again. It is safe to say that if the May elections had taken place in August instead of May there would be some new drawing salaries that would be leading the life of a quiet, retired citizen, without the emoluments of office. Such is politics.

COURT DAY.

The rising of the sun brought with it intense heat, and the crowd which began to gather continued to swell until there was nearly one thousand people present. At about 11 o'clock the steamer Chesapeake, of the Oyster Navy, steamed to the wharf with the Tyler delegation of Middlesex, which it brought from Urbanna. In the party were some of the most prominent Democrats from Middlesex. Among the first we met was that courtly, Christian, Virginia gentleman, Judge A. B. Evans, who never fails to compliment what he views as the good work of The Free Lance and condemns what he feels wrong in it. He says it is among the first papers he reads. Next there was Jolly "Bob" McCandlish, as he is called by his friends, whose heart is as big as his body; then Mr. Lewis Jones, with his 235 roiridopsis, dressed in a neat linen suit, making every body envious of his cool appearance, with a hearty greeting for every one; then the dignified Hon. J. R. Segar, who was one of the best representatives in the Legislature Essex and Middlesex ever sent to Richmond, and Dr. W. S. Christian, the scholarly gentleman whom Middlesex may well feel proud to call her son. All of these gentlemen were strong adherents of Gov. Tyler because he represented a principle for which they were fighting—"an election of Senator by the voice of the people."

The business before the court consumed much of the day. The grand jury was engaged in the case of Rev. A. Brown, a colored preacher, who, it is claimed, was choked and left for dead in his home some time since by his wife, Alice Brown, Lewis Croxton, Jim Willis and Aubrey Jones. The trouble grew out of church difficulties. It is alleged that Brown came back to life before the parties left and recognized his wife as one of the parties who did the choking. A true bill was brought in against all four of the party.

THE CONVENTION.

At 2 o'clock it was announced that the convention to nominate a candidate for the Legislature from Essex and Middlesex would be held in the town hall instead of the court house. The crowd changed its base in a few minutes, and when the doors opened poured into the hall. There had been whisperings of a storm, but those who were on the inside knew that harmony was the watchword, as the Essex boys, flushed with victory in the primaries, were in a humor for almost anything. The Free Lance, in a seat on one side of the stage, took a view of the delegations. In front, on the right, was the Middlesex delegation composed of men who had been prominent in conventions since our entry into politics, while on the left sat the Essex boys, many of

whom figured for the first time, but whose jaunty air said, "Here we are, look at us, we have done the regulars to the queen's taste." "The regulars" were there, and interested spectators, too, for they knew that once in not always and are hard to keep down. They sat about the hall and back of the stage, and when the nomination was made and the canvass commenced would be in the thickest of the fray for the party that they had battled for so many times.

Hon. Booker Garnett, chairman of the county, called the convention to order, and after consultation with Chairman Ryland, of Middlesex, temporary chairman, and Mr. R. H. Bagby, of Essex, secretary, Dr. Christian, on assuming the duties, made a speech, in which he said that the future of this country depends upon the great Democratic party, which had carried it safely through all the storms since its foundation and counselled harmony in the deliberations of the convention.

On motion of Mr. McCandlish, one delegate from each district of the two counties was appointed on credentials and one on permanent organization. They were:

On Organization—W. H. Ryland, J. R. Segar, B. F. Hart, H. W. Dunn, Dr. Warner Lewis and E. L. Powers. On Credentials—L. D. Evans, H. L. Smith, W. H. Lawson, C. B. Newbill, R. A. Mandie and J. P. Talford.

The Committee on Organization recommended that the temporary organization be made permanent, which motion, being put by Judge Evans, was carried.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following delegates entitled to seats:

Middlesex—W. H. Ryland, Fleet Lawson, W. S. Christian, R. B. Segar, J. R. Segar, W. H. Lawson, B. F. Hart, B. S. Blake, A. B. Evans, W. D. Evans, Robert McCandlish, J. W. Harley, H. L. Smith, J. P. Bennett, W. W. Woodward.

Essex—J. P. Talford, E. S. Powers, W. L. Powers, W. H. Loving, R. L. Ellis, J. H. Allen, Jr., E. W. Brown, Henry Waring, Dr. Warner Lewis, R. S. Pendleton, R. T. Banks, R. A. Mundie, D. P. Motley, W. J. Parker, R. H. Bagby, George T. Croxton, C. S. Smith, J. P. Wilkerson, J. O. Hundley, H. L. Newbill, J. B. Brooks, R. V. Brizendine, Richard Munk, George Rice, Wm. Campbell, Hank Tribble, H. W. Dunn, Harry Brooks, W. S. Boberson, George F. Kerr, John Marshall, A. Brizendine, W. E. Durham.

Judge Evans said there had been no committee on resolutions, but he had one to offer, which would meet the views of the people of Virginia on a question that was of vital importance to every citizen of this country, which is as follows:

We, the duly elected delegates for the counties of Essex and Middlesex, assembled in convention for the purpose of nominating a candidate to represent us in the next House of Delegates, being heartily in favor of the fundamental principles upon which our republican form of Government is founded, to-wit: The right of the people to be heard by direct vote in the selection of their public servants, and recognizing J. H. Tyler as the avowed advocate of said principles, do hereby adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, That the candidate this day nominated by this convention be and he is hereby instructed to vote in the Democratic caucus of the members of the next General Assembly for the Hon. J. H. Tyler for the Senate of the United States to succeed the present incumbent, Hon. Thomas S. Martin.

This was seconded by Mr. McCandlish, who said he advocated the principle embodied in the resolution and not men. It was adopted unanimously.

The chair then declared nominations in order, and Mr. R. H. Bagby, in a few well chosen words, nominated "Essex's favorite son," Capt. Patrick O. Waring, as the standard bearer of the Democracy of the two counties. This was seconded by Judge A. B. Evans, who paid a high compliment to Mr. Waring, and referred to the fact that Middlesex had endorsed another son of Essex, Hon. Booker Garnett, and that Essex had given his county no notice of its choice in Waring. He also referred to the unwritten law that Middlesex was entitled to the naming of the candidate after Essex had it two terms, and asked that this be carried out to the letter.

This brought Mr. H. L. Newbill to his feet, who said that a notice had been sent to Chairman Ryland that Mr. Waring was the choice of the people of Essex as soon after the primary as was possible, but as to pledging Essex to give Middlesex the nomination next time, his present delegation had no power to do it, and that time and the next convention could only decide this question. The argument was becoming heated when Mr. Bagby raised a point of order that only nominations were in order, and that speakers must confine themselves to that subject. It ended here. H. L. Newbill, Hon. Booker Garnett, Judge Thomas Blakey, Robert McCandlish, W. D. Evans and Dr. W. S. Christian also seconded the nomination.

Dr. Christian is an elderly gentleman with snow white hair and made the speech of the day. He referred to Capt. Waring as one of his scholars in his youth and of having given him a book for superior scholarship. He said he would not say how long that was ago as it would make him appear too old. Of the fact that at Appomattox Capt. Waring was the ranking officer Gen. Custis Lee's division and of his having surrendered that division to the Federal army. He ended his speech by saying "God bless old Pat Waring, he was a gallant soldier of the 55th Va., a Christian gentleman and we will send him to the Legislature this fall."

On motion Capt. Waring was nominated by a standing vote without dissent. The chair appointed Messrs. B. F. Hart, Wm. Campbell and C. S. Smith to notify Capt. Waring of his nomination and bring him into the hall.

A resolution was offered and passed requesting the Legislature to cease the appointing of its members to other offices while they were members of the Legislature.

Amid the clapping of hands and vociferous cheers Capt. Waring entered the hall, ascended the platform, in a short speech accepted the nomination, thanked the convention for the honor and pledged his best efforts to his constituents in the coming Legislature.

The Appetite of a Goat
Is envied by all poor dyspeptics whose stomach and liver are out of order. All such should know that Dr. King's New Life-Pills, the wonderful Stomach and Liver Remedy, gives a splendid appetite, sound digestion and a regular bodily habit that insures perfect health and great energy. Only 25c. at M. M. Lewis' drug store.

stituents in the coming Legislature. The convention then adjourned.

TAPPAHANNOCK FAIR.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 20th, 21st and 22nd, there will be a great outpouring of the people to attend the Tidewater Fair. President Brockbrough informed us that the entries for this year were larger than he had ever known and the prospects for a great big fair were bright.

TO IRVINGTON.

Early Tuesday morning we boarded the steamer Richmond for Irvington. On the steamer were Messrs. C. O. Rowlett, S. S. Bradford and James T. Layton, of Fredericksburg. Mr. Bradford got off at Sharps, Mr. Layton at Urbanna and Mr. Rowlett at River View. On the wharf at Irvington was our friend, Mr. W. McD. Lee. He was recovering from the effects of the previous day's meeting at Lancaster Court House where "Uncle Jim" Sanders and Dr. F. W. Lewis got the best of him in the mass-meeting.

We said let us hear your side of the question. "Well," said he, "I am chairman of the Democratic party in Lancaster and am ready to call a mass-meeting whenever it is desired by the people. There had been no application for a mass-meeting and the Tyler people dragged the county to bring their people there. The meeting was held without a semblance of authority. There are 1,200 Democratic votes in the county and in the meeting there were only 96-58 for Tyler and 35 for Martin. I can show you more Martin votes in my own district than the combined vote at the meeting. Let the Tyler people of Lancaster ask for a primary and I will show you that Martin will carry the county by 200 votes. You may judge of the desperate straits they were in when they had to write to Hon. W. A. Jones to come from Harrisonburg, where he and his family are spending the summer, and inject his personality in the campaign. If Jones had not been there we would have won and if we had known what were their game we would have been prepared and won Jones or no Jones. All we ask is for the Tyler people to demand a primary and we will show them who Lancaster will vote for."

At the hotel we met Mrs. W. L. Burruss and children and Mrs. Philip L. Bauman and daughter, of Fredericksburg, who are guests there.

URBANNA AND SALUDA.

Before day Wednesday we boarded the steamer Lancaster for Urbanna and Saluda. On the steamer we met Capt. D. M. Nelson, who was returning home from a visit to Maryland where his mother is ill. When we reached Urbanna wharf we went to his splendid hotel, located about fifty yards from the beach and which is the handsomest summer resort on the river. Everything is new, the grounds are prettily laid out, the bathing is good, the fishing fine, the table splendid and Capt. Nelson, the prince of hosts. If we could spare the time we do not know a place we had rather spend a month at than Hotel Nelson.

After breakfast, with Hon. Howard Hathaway and Mr. T. G. Newbill, both members of the Lancaster bar, we went to Saluda, where court was being held. There was the smallest crowd present we ever saw on a court green, and on asking for an explanation was answered, "fodder polling and the fish are biting badly."

In a talk with Judge Garnett we found him one of the strongest advocates of the election of senator by the people and staunch for Bryan and free silver. He said that he believed that Bryan if nominated would hold the six and half million votes cast for him at the last election, and with the disaffection among the Republicans on the Philippine war he believed.

Hon. Joseph Bristow, of Stormont, and Mr. Robert Bristow, of Urbanna, were present. These gentlemen did not say so, but from what we could learn from them it is more than probable that Capt. Waring will have no opposition in his candidacy for the House of Delegates.

Among those we met was our friend, county clerk, Frank M. Eastman, who gave us a cordial welcome.

Mr. W. W. Woodward will in a short time go to Newport News, where he has formed a law co-partnership. The county can ill afford to lose so valuable a citizen.

Middlesex is one of the most prosperous counties in the State. Its farms are in fine condition, crops are good, fish plentiful, extensive preparations are being made for the coming oyster season and its people should be happy.

After a quick drive from Saluda we reached West Point Wednesday evening, Richmond that night and home next morning at 5 o'clock.

He Fooled the Surgeons.

All doctors told Renick Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months from Rectal Prolapse, he would die unless a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with five boxes of E. B. Allen's Anus Salve, the surest Pile cure on earth, and the best Salve in the world. 25 cents a box. Sold by M. M. Lewis, Drugist.

A Northern Connection.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 21.—Mr. J. W. Mittenford, of Baltimore, and others in the Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina road, met here today and discussed the route north of that road. Among those present besides Mr. Mittenford were Mr. Dewitt Smith, the president of the company; John Skelton Williams, the president of the Seaboard Air Line, and Col. T. M. R. Talbot, the assistant to that gentleman. It was determined to begin at once the survey of a route from here to Harpers Junction to connect there with the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac road. This is to be an independent line. It will, however, run to points parallel with the Chesapeake and Ohio.

Glorious News.

comes from Dr. B. C. Barge, of Washita, I. T. He writes: "Four bottles of Electric Bitters has cured Mrs. Brower of scrofula, which had caused her great suffering for years. Terrible sores would break out on her head and face, and the best doctors could give no help; but her cure is complete and her health is excellent." This shows what thousands have proved that Electric Bitters is the best blood purifier known. It's the supreme remedy for eczema, tetter, salt rheum, ulcers, boils and running sores. It stimulates liver, kidneys and bowels, expels poisons, helps digestion, builds up the strength. Only 50 cents. Sold by M. M. Lewis, drug

The Pennsylvania Republican Convention at Harrisburg.

Thursday, nominated J. Hay Brown, of Lancaster, for Supreme Court Judge; Josiah R. Adams, of Philadelphia, for Superior Court Judge, and Lieut. G. I. James E. Harner for State Treasurer. This is a Quay victory.

Fredericksburg College.

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